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SUBJECT: CIVIL AVIATION - MEETING WITH CIVIL AVIATION DIRECTOR
GENERAL BEYDOUN

REF: STATE 130280

1. MEETING WITH BEYDOUN PROVED TO BE RATHER UNEVENTFUL. BEYDOUN HAD NO SPECIFIC PROPOSALS AND INDICATED HE WAS SPEAKING WITHOUT OFFICIAL INSTRUCTIONS. THRUST OF HIS THINKING WAS THAT FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1975 SHOULD BE HELD MUCH SOONER. YET HE CONCEDED THERE WOULD BE LITTLE POINT ON LEBANESE SIDE TO HOLD TALKS BEFORE MEA HAD A CLEAR VIEW OF WHAT IT WANTED, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE THREE 747S TO BE DELIVERED IN 1975.

2. OUR GUESS IS THAT GOL REQUEST FOR NEGOTIATIONS WILL CALL FOR A DATE NO SOONER THAN OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER OF THIS YEAR, I.E., AFTER THE SUMMER MONTHS AND THE SEPTEMBER ICAO MEETINGS; FURTHER THAT WE COULD PROBABLY DELAY MATTER WITHOUT TOO MUCH DIFFICULTY UNTIL JANUARY OR FEBRUARY OF NEXT YEAR IF DESIRED. (WE ANTICIPATE THAT BIGGEST PRESSURE FOR EARLIER RATHER THAN LATER TALKS WILL COME FROM TMA'S ABU HAIDAR.)

3. GOL FLIGHTS TO IRAN RAISED BUT ONLY IN CONTEXT OF
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BEYDOUN'S EXPLAINING THAT LEBANESE STILL NOT SURE AS TO WHAT IRANIANS ACTUALLY CONSENTED TO.

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